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JUDGE:

RE: Invitation to Attend Lecture  
The Czechoslovak Federal Council-in-exile and  
The Heritage Foundation  
The Heritage Foundation Auditorium  
Washington, D.C.  
28 October 1988

The Czechoslovak Federal Council-in-exile in Ottawa, Canada and Mr. Benjamin Hart, on behalf of the Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., have invited you to attend a lecture that will be given by Dr. Jiri V. Kotas at 12:00 noon on Friday, 28 October at the Heritage Foundation Auditorium, Washington, D.C. Dr. Kotas plans to discuss the current state of affairs in Czechoslovakia and various possibilities for its future. Before defecting to the West, Dr. Kotas was a Research Fellow of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kotas is the publisher of the magazine, THE CZECHOSLOVAK WAY and author of CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S CROSSROADS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Since you already have an engagement to speak at the American Bar Association luncheon on 28 October, I have attached a letter of regret for your signature.

Bill Baker

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27 OCT 1988.

Mr. Benjamin Hart  
Director of Lectures and Seminars  
The Heritage Foundation  
214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the lecture to be given by Dr. Jiri V. Kotas on Friday, October 28th, the 70th Anniversary of the Czechoslovak Republic. Unfortunately, a previous commitment precludes me from meeting with you at that time. However, I wish you, the Heritage Foundation, and the Czechoslovak Federal Council-in-exile a most successful meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

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# INVITATION

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## CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FUTURE GEARS UP

This lecture will be held on October 28, 1988, on the 70th Anniversary of the Czechoslovak Republic, at 12 o'clock at the Auditorium of the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C.

In his lecture, Dr. Kotas will first briefly espouse the fact that the Czechoslovak Independence in 1918 is forever linked with Washington, D.C., describe the mechanism of the Communist Coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948, and will ponder over the legacy of the Prague Spring in 1968. The main part of the lecture will be devoted to the analysis of the current state of affairs in Czechoslovakia and to different scenarios of the future. Dr. Kotas will also analyse the possible impact of Western conservatism for shaping the future free Czechoslovakia.

### The Speaker:

Dr. Jiří V. Kotas, Chairman of the Czechoslovak Federal Council-in-exile in Ottawa (Canada), was born in Prague in 1952. He is a PhD. in Modern History from Charles University, Prague, and before his defection from Czechoslovakia, he was a Research Fellow of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. He is also the publisher of *Československá cesta* (The Czechoslovak Way), a magazine primarily designed for readership in Czechoslovakia. The communist regime constantly tries to lessen the impact of *Československá cesta* by fabricating forgeries of this magazine - most recently in July 1988. Dr. Kotas is the author of *CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S CROSSROADS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY* (Ottawa, CC Publishing, 1988) and the author of numerous articles in various languages dealing with Czechoslovak and Central/Eastern European affairs.

For further information, please contact Mr. Benjamin Hart, Director of Lectures and Seminars, at the Heritage Foundation, 546-4400.

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